



ITALY ROAD TRIP PLANNER

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Pompeii to Salerno | Milan to Naples | Foggia to Gallipoli | Genoa to Venice | Trieste to Pescara



Known for its deep culture, expansive history, impeccable cuisine and breathtaking sights, Italy is a beloved destination for all travellers. Whether you are seeking an adventure or exploring the sights, Italy has a range of attractions and landmarks that are too irresistible to miss.

With so much to see and do in Italy, why not hire a car or motor-home and do a self-drive road trip? This allows you access to all of the sights, cities and towns whilst sticking to your own schedule and choice of destinations. Zip around the small winding roads of the picturesque countryside, cruise the remarkable and stunning Amalfi Coast or visit the bustling and exhilarating cities in your own hire and explore all that Italy can offer. DriveAway is here to help fulfil your dreams of touring Italy on your own terms with some helpful hints and ideas for your very own road trip!

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HISToRIC ITALIAN AMALFI COAST ADVENTURE

Pompeii ➔ Sorrento ➔ Positano ➔ Amalfi ➔ Salerno

Historic Italian Amalfi Coast Adventure

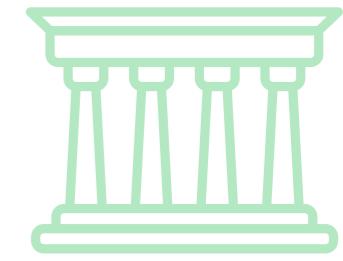
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DAY 1: Pompeii to Sorrento

Distance: 27km
Approx. 33 minutes



Tour around the historically famous city of **Pompeii** which was frozen in time by **Vesuvius volcano** in 79 AD. Pompeii also hosts a vast range of historical sites and beautiful landscapes like the **Vesuvius National Park**, the **Antiquarium** and the vast range of Archaeological sites and Architectural masterpieces. After experiencing all that Pompeii has to offer, begin your road trip and drive to **Sorrento**. We recommend making a detour to **Monte Faito**, one of the highest peaks in the **Lattari Mountains** before arriving in the stunning and exuberant coastal town of Sorrento.



Once you have arrived in Sorrento you will notice the plethora of things to do and cultural experiences to indulge in. Whether you want to learn, relax or explore, there are plenty of options for any traveller. Take an authentic Italian cooking class at [La Limoniaia](#), Shop on the famous [Corso Italia](#), relax by the beautiful crystal blue beach [Bagni Salvatore](#), or complete a self-guided [historical walking tour](#). Whatever you decide we know you'll enjoy!



THINGS To DO IN POMPEII:

- Cooking classes
- Shopping
- Beaches
- Historical buildings
- National parks and nature sites



PLACES To STAY IN SORRENTO

Budget Option:
[Hotel Dania Sorrento](#)



Best Value:
[La Dimora di Cornelia](#)



Family:
[Tenuta Miranda Agriresort](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camping Campogai](#)
[Santa Fortunata](#)



DAY 2:

Sorrento to Positano

Distance: 27km
Approx. 48 minutes



Continuing your Amalfi Coast adventure and drive to Positano, a breathtaking oceanic oasis with so many sights to see that cannot be missed. Take a [boat tour](#) of the crystal blue ocean and vibrant cliffside surrounding the sunny Amalfi Coast, visit the incredible [Roman Archaeological Museum of Positano](#), then dance the night away at some of the best clubs and bars in Italy, like [Music on the Rocks](#) or [L'icanto's Ocean Bar](#). Whether you're partying it up, relaxing or seeing the sights and history of Positano, we are sure you will be as obsessed with it as we are!

THINGS TO DO IN POSITANO:

- Beaches and oceanic views
- Nightlife
- Museums and Galleries
- Walking trails and Hiking



PLACES TO STAY IN POSITANO

Budget Option:
[Casa Fortunata](#)



Best Value:
[Hotel Royal Positano](#)



Family:
[Hotel Poseidon](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camping Agerola](#)



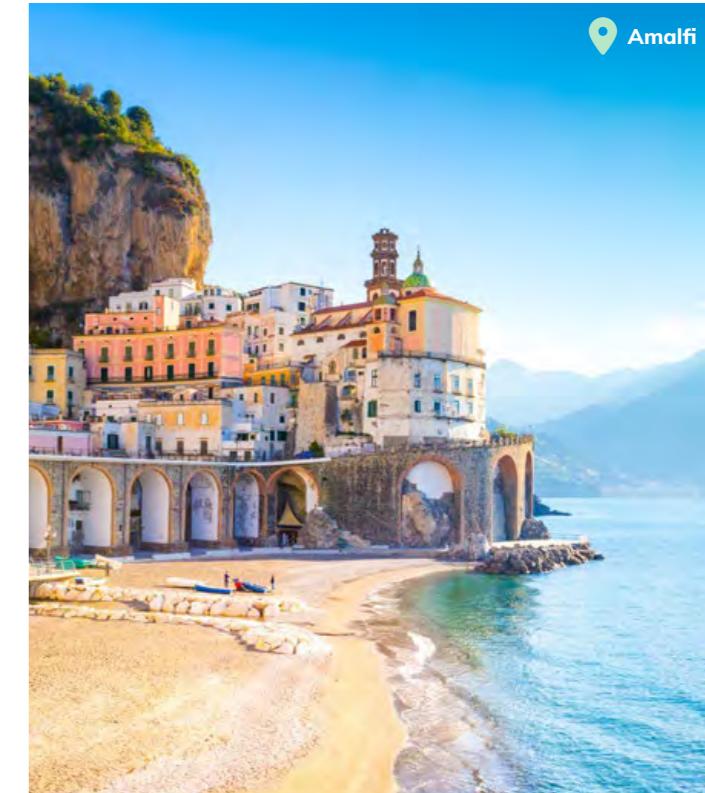
DAY 3:

Positano to Amalfi

Distance: 17km
Approx. 38 minutes



Hit the road and head to your next road trip destination - Amalfi! The town of Amalfi is the home and heart of the Amalfi Coast, listed as a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#), this town is a must-see location with lots to do and experience! Try your hand at [snorkelling](#) or relax on the beach and see the incredible oceanic wildlife. Visit the stunning [Amalfi Cathedral](#) and [Arsenale Ancient Maritime Museum](#) to view the incredible architecture and learn about their deep history. If you are wanting more of a casual day, go for a hike and take some amazing photographs of the unique cliffside region and the incredible views of the Tyrrhenian Sea.



Amalfi



Atrani town

THINGS TO DO IN AMALFI:

- Beaches, snorkelling and oceanic views
- Museums and ancient architecture
- Walking trails and Hiking



PLACES TO STAY IN AMALFI

Budget Option:
[Hotel Fontana](#)



Best Value:
[Hotel Residence](#)



Family:
[Hotel Marina Riviera](#)



Motorhomes:
[Agriturismo Mare e Monti](#)



DAY 4:

Amalfi to Salerno

Distance: 26km
Approx. 50 minutes



Continue towards Salerno, our final stop on this self-drive road trip. Salerno is a beautiful and historic port city where locals thrive and host plenty of cultural and historic activities for all to enjoy. Stop off at the [Le Vigne Di Raito Vineyard](#) for a tour and wine tasting before experiencing the abundance of Salerno. Visit the [Giardino della Minerva](#) for some beautifully structured and historic gardens. Then visit the stunning [Duomo di Salerno](#), home to some incredible frescos, ancient mosaics and amazing architecture that cannot be missed. This is the perfect destination to end this self-drive road trip; where you can not only experience all that Salerno has to offer, but also what encompasses the Amalfi Coast. From sunny days and beaches to history and fine cuisine. We are certain you will enjoy this road trip!



 **HELPFUL TIP**
There are often mirrors in strategic areas on roads in historic towns and city centers. This is to assist you when making sharp turns and seeing what's ahead.

THINGS To DO IN SALERNO:

- Beaches, boat trips and snorkelling
- Fine dining and cooking classes
- Museums, churches & ancient architecture
- Walking trails, gardens and Hiking



PLACES To STAY IN SALERNO

Budget Option:
[Mediterranea Hotel + Convention Center](#)



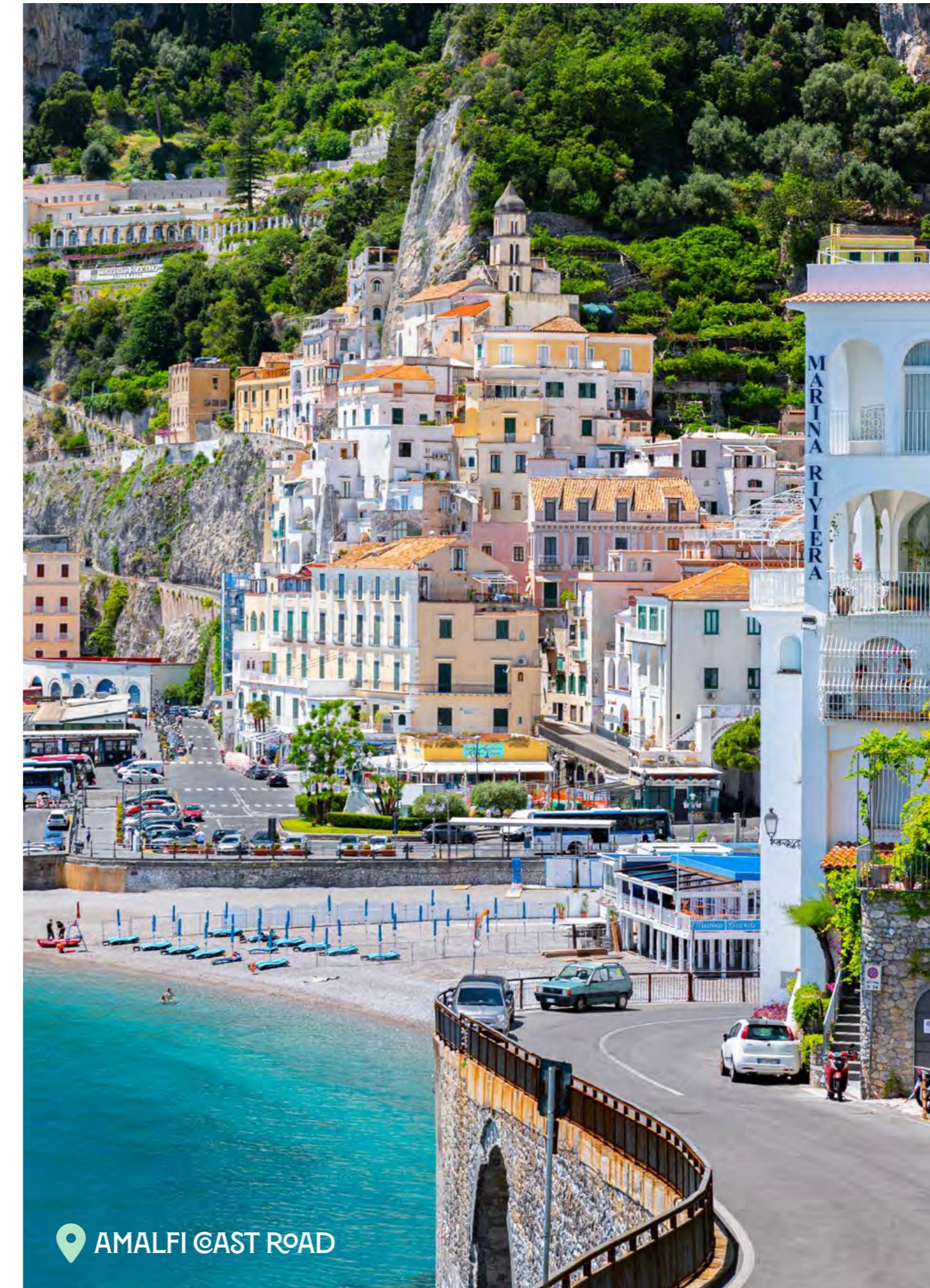
Best Value:
[Grand Hotel Salerno](#)



Family:
[Salerno e Le Due Coste](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camping Village Paestum](#)



 **AMALFI COAST ROAD**



NORTH TO SOUTH THE ULTIMATE ITALY ROAD TRIP

Milan > Bologna > Florence > Arezzo > Terni > Rome > Latina > Naples

North to South: The Ultimate Italy Road Trip

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DAY 1: Milan to Bologna

Distance: 300km
Approx. 3 hours 20 minutes



Milan is a majestic city that offers plenty of beautiful sights, cultural and historic experiences as well as shopping and fine dining. Cross this city off your bucket list and experience it in your own time on a wondrous road trip. Visit the [Duomo Di Milano Cathedral](#), in the heart of the city, and one of the city's most beloved and sacred sights. Spend a relaxing day in the Navigli District, designed by Leonardo Da Vinci. This charming canal is the home to some incredible restaurants, bars and shops with a beautiful view. For a once in a lifetime experience, book tickets to the [Teatro alla Scala](#), one of the most incredible and beautiful theatres in the world.



HELPFUL TIP

When driving on the Autostrade or motorway, the left lane is only used for passing the car in front of you, once you have passed the car in front, move back into the right lane.

Once you have visited and experienced all that Milan has to offer, pack the car/motorhome and road trip to the historic city of Bologna. Visit the incredible [Porticoes of Bologna](#), a world heritage site and a captivating historical pathway that stretches approximately 62 kilometres. Climb the [Torre Degli Asinelli Tower](#), also known as the two towers located in the heart of Bologna. The towers offer spectacular views of the entire city. Whilst on your road trip in Bologna you should also visit the [Giardini Margherita](#), a beautifully crafted garden with fountains and an abundance of nature.



THINGS TO DO IN MILAN:

- Museums and theatres
- Shopping
- Restaurants
- Historical buildings
- National parks and nature sites



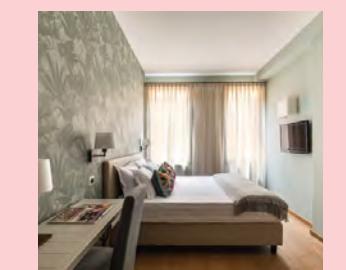
PLACES TO STAY IN BOLOGNA

Budget Option:

[Dopa Hostel](#)

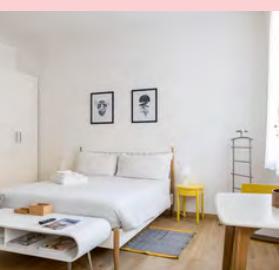
Best Value:

[Hotel Porta San Mamolo](#)



Family:

[Canonica Suites](#)



Motorhomes:

[Area sosta camper Città delle Torri](#)



DAY 2:

Bologna to Florence

Distance: 118km

Approx. 1 hour 26 minutes



When you are ready to depart Bologna, visit the sophisticated Florence, home to some amazing museums and architectural buildings that represent the renaissance city perfectly. When in Florence you should visit the [Uffizi Gallery](#) which features some of the greatest renaissance art such as the famous Birth of Venus painting as well as some breathtaking sculptures. For all the foodies out there, you must check out the [Mercato Centrale Firenze](#) which is a large market place with all of the best Italian goods as well as some amazing cafes and eateries. If that is not enough to make you want to go on a road trip to Florence, visit the [Arno River](#), a picturesque river perfect for going on a leisurely stroll, take some photographs and stop off at some of the nice cafes and bars along the way!



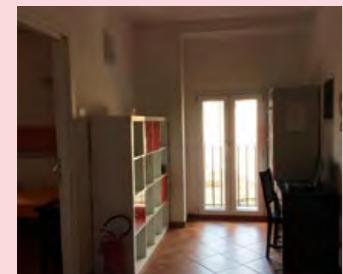
PLACES To STAY IN FLORENCE

Budget Option:
[Emerald Palace](#)

Best Value:
[B&B San Remigio](#)

Family:
[Eco Urban B&B](#)

Motorhomes:
[Camping Village Il Poggetto](#)



THINGS To DO IN FLORENCE:

- Museums and galleries
- Shopping
- Restaurants
- Historical buildings and sites



DAY 3:

Florence to Arezzo

Distance: 74km

Approx. 1 hour 3 minutes



Your next stop on this self-drive road trip is the charming city of Arezzo, with lots of architecture and art for any history buff to sink their teeth into. Visit [Casa Vasari](#), the home of painter, historian and architect Giorgio Vasari. His home is adorned in frescoes and paintings, which was later turned into a museum and a fantastic experience. Another unique experience in Arezzo is to visit [The Colours of the Joust Museum](#) which is an interactive museum dedicated to the Saracen Joust. This museum has everything from clothing worn to the jousting sticks



PLACES To STAY IN AREZZO

Budget Option:
[La Corte Del Re](#)

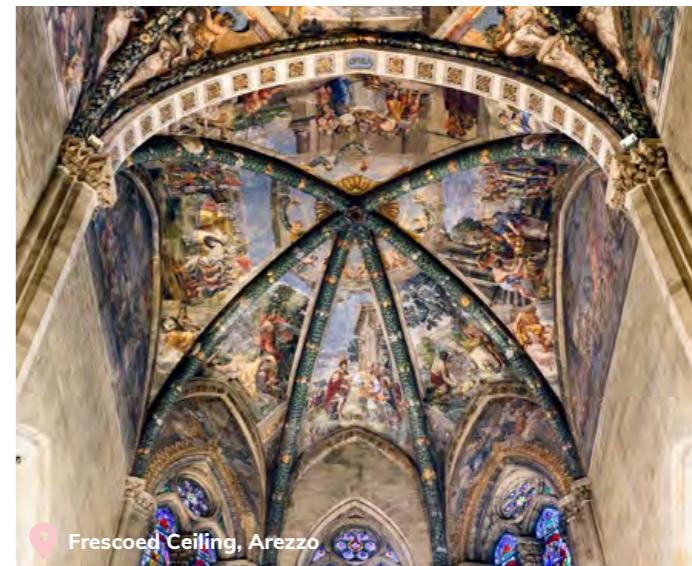
Best Value:
[Graziella Patio Hotel](#)

Family:
[Hotel Le Capanne](#)

Motorhomes:
[Camping La Chioccia](#)



and even a re-enactment performance which is thrilling and exciting for those mediaeval lovers. However, if you want something a bit different from art and museums and you happen to be in Arezzo on the first Sunday of the month, consider going to the bustling [Piazza Grande](#). On the first Sunday they host an antique market with approximately 500 vendors from across the country. Take a stroll through the markets, enjoy all they have to offer and pick up that perfect souvenir!



THINGS To DO IN AREZZO:

- Museums and galleries
- Shopping and markets
- Restaurants
- Historical buildings, architecture and sights



DAY 4:

Arezzo to Terni

Distance: 172km

Approx. 1 hour 50 minutes



Next on our north to south road trip is the romantic city of Terni, protected by Saint Valentine himself. Terni is a beautiful city surrounded by stunning landscapes, architecture from all eras and fantastic fine dining restaurants. Tour around the town centre and explore the intricate architecture, visit the restaurants and cafes and have a relaxing walk around with the locals. For those ancient history fanatics, visit the [Carsulae Archaeological Park](#) established approximately 220 BC for a deeper exploration of Italian history and ancient architecture. A must do is to experience the exclusive fine dining of Terni such as [MeGusta Ristorante](#) and [Umami](#). Finally, follow the butterflies into the magical [Marmore Waterfall Park](#) where they have waterfalls, streams and a butterfly house surrounded by forest and luscious landscapes. Terni is such a special place with a lot of experiences that you cannot get anywhere else.



THINGS TO DO IN TERNI:

- Nature sites, rivers and waterfalls
- Churches and cathedrals
- Fine dining, restaurants and cafes
- Historical buildings, architecture and archaeological sites.



PLACES TO STAY IN TERNI

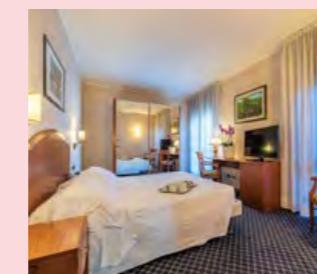
Budget Option:
[A Casa di Asja](#)



Best Value:
[Hotel Valentino](#)



Family:
[Garden Hotel](#)



Motorhomes:
[Capitello Camping](#)



DAY 5:

Terni to Rome

Distance: 103km

Approx. 1 hour 10 minutes



After visiting Terni and experiencing all it has to offer, continue on your journey to the Eternal City of Rome. Rome is well known for its ancient Roman history, architecture and cuisine. Some notable and popular attractions include the [Colosseum](#), the [Trevi Fountain](#), [The Pantheon](#) and the [Vatican Museums](#). All fantastic to see and experience in person, however, we have a few more attractions and things to do in Rome that we think you should check out! Visit the Castel [Sant'Angelo](#), also known as the Castle of the Holy Angel. This Mausoleum has beautiful architecture, art and sculptures that are a must see in Rome. Take a stroll down one of the oldest remaining roads in

the world, the [Appia Antica](#). This road holds a deep history and features amazing architectural and archaeological buildings and structures. Another must-do for the market-lovers out there is visit the [Mercato Testaccio](#). This is a large market with a variety of stalls including shoes, clothing, household goods, fresh produce and street food. Located in the Testaccio neighbourhood this is a wonderful experience for all to enjoy.



HELPFUL TIP
Petrol/Gas stations may be closed during lunchtime and Sundays, so plan your fuel stops accordingly by filling up during the week or in the mornings to be safe.

THINGS TO DO IN ROME:

- Churches, cathedrals and museums.
- Fine dining, restaurants and cafes.
- Shopping and markets.
- Historical buildings, architecture and archaeological sites.



PLACES TO STAY IN ROME

Budget Option:
[Coronari Palace](#)



Best Value:
[Monti Palace Hotel](#)



Family:
[Nerva Boutique Hotel](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camper Stop Area](#)



DAY 6:

Rome to Latina

Distance: 73km
Approx. 1 hour 6 minutes



Say Ciao to Rome and Buongiorno to Latina - our next stop on this road trip. Latina is a relatively modern town in comparison to some of the previous cities. However, there is still plenty of culture, history and sights to see in this beautiful city. Stop off and visit the whimsical [Giardino di Ninfa](#), an enchanting and fairytale-like garden that's perfect for photography and a natural getaway. Declared a natural monument, this historic garden is well known for its charm and beautiful scenery with an abundance of history. After your visit to the beautiful gardens, stop at the [Ristorante Il Quadrato](#), one of Latinas best restaurants with a comfortable atmosphere and impeccable food. Another fun and diverse attraction in Latina is the [Museo Piana Della Orme](#). This modern museum features exhibits from World War II as well as some exhibits on the Pontine Marshes. For families wanting a fun activity for the kids, visit [Scivo Splash](#), a water park for everyone to enjoy together. With all of these different activities, it is clear that Latina will be a diverse experience for all to enjoy.



THINGS TO DO IN LATINA:

- Gardens, mountains and beaches.
- Museums and theme parks.
- Fine dining and restaurants.



PLACES TO STAY IN LATINA

Budget Option:
[La Locanda del Cavaliere](#)

Best Value:
[Hotel Europa](#)



Family:
[Hotel Miramare](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camping Village Settebello](#)



DAY 7:

Latina to Naples

Distance: 183km
Approx. 2 hours



Naples is one of the most ancient cities in Europe and a must see location with plenty to offer. Famous for their history, culture and pizza we know you'll love this final destination for this road trip. When in Naples, the birthplace of pizza, of course you have to do a taste test! Visit [Via dei Tribunali](#), an old historical street located in the heart of Naples. Here you will find plenty of markets and shops and an array of pizzerias to delve into. Another historical and famous street in Naples is [Via San Gregorio Armeno](#), where you will find a varied amount of niche trinkets and goods to purchase. Ideal for souvenirs as well as christmas products and decorations, this street is a must see and

a fun experience for all. When you've shopped til you drop and eaten all the pizza possible, visit the [Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Donnaregina](#). Here you will see some fantastic works of contemporary art, for a more modern experience and different to all the traditional italian works you would have seen so far on this trip. This is an excellent way to have a fun and relaxing end to your road trip.



THINGS TO DO IN NAPLES:

- Churches, cathedrals and museums.
- Fine dining, restaurants and cafes.
- Shopping and markets.
- Historical buildings, architecture and archaeological sites.



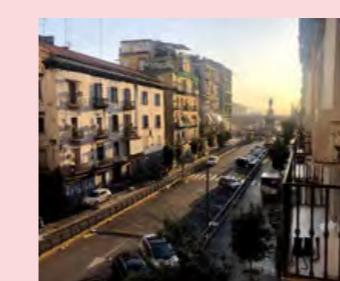
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PLACES TO STAY IN NAPLES

Budget Option:
[Hostel Mancini Naples](#)

Best Value:
[La Casa Sul Nilo](#)



Family:
[Hotel San Pietro](#)



Motorhomes:
[Sosta Camper Napoli](#)





THE PERFECT PUGLIA ROAD TRIP

Foggia ➔ Barletta ➔ Bari ➔ Taranto ➔ Brindisi ➔ Lecce ➔ Gallipoli

DAY 1: Foggia to Barletta

Distance: 100km

Approx. 1 hour 10 minutes



Puglia is a beautiful region in southern Italy and is the home to farmland, ancient architecture and a stunning coastline that looks over the Mediterranean ocean. To start this radiant road trip, begin in the industrial centre of Foggia, a city famous for its agriculture and architecture.

Drive through the countryside of Italy until you arrive at the [Gargano National Park](#), home of two UNESCO sites, beautiful scenery and the cerulean coloured ocean. Another few fun things to do whilst in Foggia is visit the [Cattedrale di Foggia](#), the roman-catholic cathedral of Foggia. Built in 1172, this romanesque style cathedral is a must-see for history buffs and lovers of incredible architecture. Another amazing structure in Foggia would be [Chiesa Delle Croci](#), or 'Church of Crosses'. Known for its baroque styled architecture, long walkway and beautiful gardens, this is another bucket-list item you need to see in Foggia!

Once you have finished sunning it up and experiencing all the culture and history of Foggia, it's time to continue the road trip to Barletta. Barletta is a

beautiful and ancient coastal town with incredible architecture and sits on the Gulf of Manfredonia. Some notable attractions include the [Colossus of Barletta](#), a large statue of Emperor Heraclius I. Not only is this statue a marvellous sight, it also has a rich history behind it. For those interested in architecture, the [Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher](#) is a phenomenal church from the 18th century. The Church has beautiful gothic architecture and is located right by the Colossus of Barletta. After marvelling at the historic town of Barletta, visit the [Teatro Curci](#), a beautiful theatre adorned by red, gold and an incredible roof fesco. So book tickets to an incredible show and enjoy the stunning architecture of this incredible theatre.



THINGS TO DO IN FOGGIA & BALETTA:

- UNESCO World Heritage sites, beaches and oceanic views.
- Museums and monuments.
- Restaurants and cafes.
- Churches, cathedrals and theatres.



PLACES TO STAY IN BARLETTA

Budget Option:
[Domatia Bed and Breakfast](#)

Best Value:
[Sebel Luxury Rooms](#)



Family:
[Best Western Hotel Dei Cavalieri](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camper Park Trani](#)



DAY 2:

Barletta to Bari

Distance: 60km
Approx. 50 minutes



Next on our Puglia road trip is the beautiful city of Bari. Explore Bari's incredible 'Old town' which is a series of winding streets, restaurants, shops and historical buildings. We recommend doing a [walking tour](#), discovering all the best places to shop, eat and drink whilst learning about all Bari has to offer. We also recommend visiting the [Poggiofranco Markets](#) in Bari. These markets occur every Saturday morning and are a popular activity and tradition in Bari. Another recommendation we have is the [Museo Civico Bari](#), a small museum dedicated to the history of Bari and includes all of their artefacts, art and photographs collected over the years. A must-do in Bari is to visit the [Trulli of Alberobello](#), a delightfully charming dwelling that will transport you into a magical world. Listed as a UNESCO world heritage site, we definitely recommend visiting and experiencing all it has to offer.



THINGS TO DO IN BARI:

- UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Museums and monuments.
- Restaurants and cafes.
- Walking tours and shopping.



PLACES TO STAY IN BARI!

Budget Option:
[Host Bari Centrale](#)



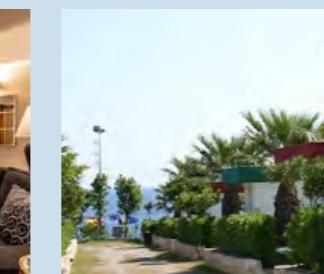
Best Value:
[B&B Murex](#)



Family:
[Bozzi 1910](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camping Residence Atlantide](#)



DAY 3:

Bari to Taranto

Distance: 87km
Approx. 1 hour 11 minutes



Once you have finished with the delights of Bari, travel across the coast to Taranto, known for its spartan history and beautiful beaches. Whilst in Taranto visit the [Castello Aragonese](#), the floating castle. This is an immaculate site with vivid views and plenty to see and do, we highly recommend a trip to this amazing islet. If you love a good museum, check out the [Museo Taranto](#), which is the National Archaeological Museum of Taranto and has excellent exhibits with a lot of history to learn from. However, if you happen to be in Taranto on a Sunday, book in to see the [Taranto Spartan Museum](#). They do guided tours every Sunday at 11:00AM and show the ancient underground village where Spartans lived and hold a great range of artefacts from the Spartan period. Aside from these great attractions we also recommend checking out the [Taranto Cathedral](#). Once you've explored all of Taranto's sites, hit the beach and enjoy the gulf of the Ionian Sea and its crystal clear waters; or stroll through the miraculous old town and experience all of the beauty that Taranto has to offer.



THINGS TO DO IN TARANTO:

- Beaches and oceanic views.
- Museums and monuments.
- Restaurants and cafes.



PLACES TO STAY IN TARANTO

Budget Option:
[Hotel Plaza](#)



Best Value:
[Masseria Gagliardi](#)



Family:
[L'arcangelo Hotel](#)



Motorhomes:
[Sosta Camper Baia D'Argento](#)



DAY 4:

Taranto to Brindisi

Distance: 61km
Approx. 45 minutes



Next on this self-drive road trip planner is the beautiful city of Brindisi, known for its beautiful beaches, ancient harbour, mediaeval castles and local cuisine. We know you'll have a fun and sunny time in Brindisi. Start off with a stroll down Corso Roma, the main commercial street of Brindisi, which is lined with a range of shops, cafes, restaurants and cute boutiques. After shopping and coffee sipping, check out [Castello Alfonsino](#). Built in the mid 1400's, this castle is part of the city's ancient harbour and was originally built as the port's first defence system. Whilst in the harbour, stroll around and see some of the incredible roman architecture like the two roman

THINGS TO DO IN BRINDISI:

- Beaches and oceanic views.
- Museums and monuments.
- Restaurants, cafes and cooking classes.
- Ancient architecture and historic tours



PLACES TO STAY IN BRINDISI

Budget Option:
[Hotel Nemo](#)



Best Value:
[B&B La Sorgente](#)



Family:
[Ibis Styles Brindisi](#)



Motorhomes:
[Cala dei Ginepri](#)



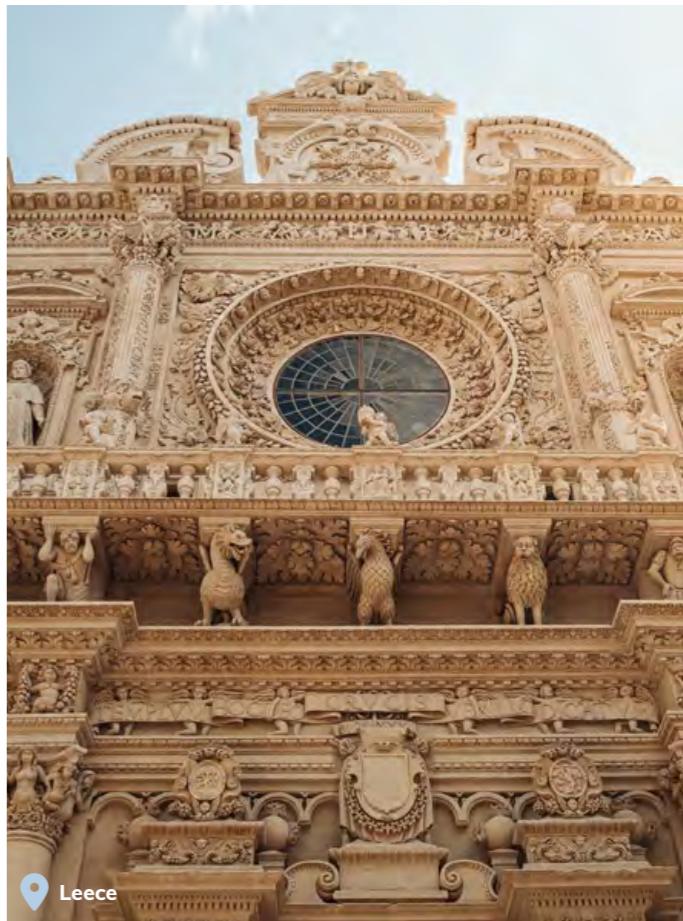
DAY 5:

Brindisi to Lecce

Distance: 39km
Approx. 31 minutes



After experiencing all of Brindisi, hit the road and make your way to the captivating city of Lecce. Known for its festivals, baroque architecture and friendly locals, Lecce is a wonderful city with an abundance of activities. Stroll through the historic centre and experience the charm of Lecce's older buildings and homes. Visit the ancient [Roman Amphitheatre](#), built in the 2nd century, the amphitheatre was used for gladiator battles amongst other historic events. This historic site is a wonder to behold and a deep dive into ancient Roman history. For another historic attraction, check out the [Basilica Santa Croce](#), the temple of history, art and the parish of Lecce. Built in the 17th century, this baroque-style church is absolutely breathtaking and a must see in Lecce. For something a little something different, check out some of the authentic cooking classes for offer. One that stands out is the [Orecchiette Cooking Class and Wine Tasting](#) for a rounded taste of Lecce.



THINGS TO DO IN LECCE:

- Museums and monuments.
- Restaurants, cafes and cooking classes.
- Ancient architecture and the historic town centre



PLACES TO STAY IN LECCE

Budget Option:
[The Urban Oasis Hostel](#)



Best Value:
[Palazzo Bignami](#)



Family:
[Hilton Garden Inn](#)



Motorhomes:
[Agriturismo Salos](#)



DAY 6:

Lecce to Gallipoli

Distance: 38km
Approx. 30 minutes



For our final stop on this 'Perfect Puglia Road Trip', head to Gallipoli and experience the last of the incredible architecture, stunning beaches and deep cultural history that the Puglia region has to offer. Begin your journey and experience all of Gallipoli with a [walking tour](#)! This tour takes you from the new town, where you visit the renaissance style Greek Fountain, inspired by the ancient Greek Gods. You then cross the immaculate stone bridge, constructed in the 16th century and connects the new town to the



PLACES To STAY IN GALLIPOLI

Budget Option:
[Ostello Salento](#)

Best Value:
[Palazzo Del Corso](#)

Family:
[B&B La Riviera](#)

Motorhomes:
[Campo delle Bandiere](#)



old town. From here, you continue winding through the old streets and admire buildings, churches and more! Whilst in Gallipoli, you should also check out the [Basilica Concattedrale di Sant'Agata](#), a beautiful church dedicated to Saint Agatha Virgin and Martyr. The church was completed in the 17th century, is constructed in baroque architecture and houses some incredible paintings, frescoes, statues and more! Finally, for a unique experience, visit the [Hypogeum Oil Mill of Palazzo](#). This is an underground oil mill which has been preserved and turned into a museum. See how the locals made their own olive oil and have a fantastic once in a lifetime experience!



THINGS To DO IN GALLIPOLI:

- Beaches and oceanic views
- Nightlife
- Museums and Galleries
- Walking trails and Hiking



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DISCOVER NORTHERN ITALY ROAD TRIP



Genoa ➔ Turin ➔ Como ➔ Verona ➔ Venice

Discover Northern Italy Road trip

DAY 1: Genoa to Turin

Distance: 27km
Approx. 48 minutes



Genoa is a truly unforgettable city, with plenty of beautiful sights and an abundance of attractions; which is why we think this is the perfect way to start discovering Northern Italy. Begin your discovery in the Old Port, the heart of Genoa. Here you can learn all about the history of the commercial and economic growth of Genoa's port and how it has grown, changed and adapted over time. Whilst in the Old Port, check out the [Acquario di Genova](#), an incredible and immersive aquarium experience. However, that's not all this aquarium has to offer, you can also experience a tropical forest on the sea with their Biosfera section. Here you will experience rare tropical plants, butterflies and birds; you can also take the Biosfera lift 40 metres above the sea, offering a 360 degree view of the port and city of Genoa. Once you're finished experiencing the exciting Old Port, check out [Le Strade Nuove](#), a UNESCO listed site. This historic centre dates back to the late 16th century and is truly a sight to behold. The site includes a collection of Renaissance and Baroque palaces along the Strade Nuove or 'new streets' and hosts some

of the most glamorous architecture, interior design and artwork you will ever see. Another attraction we recommend seeing is the [Galata Museo del Mare](#), a local maritime museum and the largest of its kind in the Mediterranean.

Once you're done experiencing all Genoa has to offer, pack up your hire car or motorhome and head to Turin. Known for its abundance of museums, incredible architecture and local wineries, Turin is a city with deep culture and plenty to see. Visit the [Mole Antonelliana](#), an incredible museum of cinema that is not only famous for its architecture, but also its exhibits. If that isn't enough architecture for you, check out the [Royal Palace of Naples](#). Built in the 17th century, the palace is truly decadent with Spanish themes and a historic landmark to experience. When in Turin, you should also visit the [Museo Egizio](#), an Egyptian museum that focuses on Egyptian archaeology and anthropology; This is a fun, unique experience and a way of viewing more culture and history on your Italian vacation!



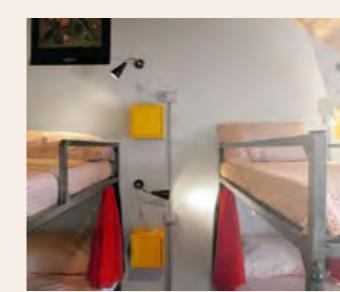
THINGS TO DO IN GENOA & TURIN:

- Aquarium and Biosphere
- Museums and architecture
- Natural sites and UNESCO attractions
- Shopping
- Restaurants and cafes.



PLACES TO STAY IN TURIN

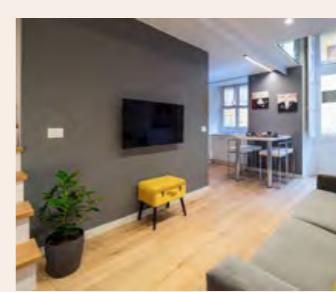
Budget Option:
[Attic Hostel](#)



Best Value:
[B&B Torino Acuri](#)



Family:
[Savoia Suites](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camping Bella Torino](#)



DAY 2: Turin to Como

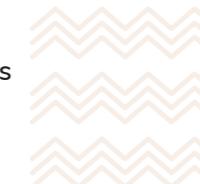
Distance: 169km
Approx. 2 hours 1 minute



Next on our Discover Northern Italy road trip is the naturally beautiful city of Como. Known for its deep history, cultural charms and the incredible Lake Como, this destination is a must-see for any avid traveller. Firstly, visit the famous [Lake Como](#), surrounded by the picturesque village and home to some breathtaking sights. Soak it all in then take the [Funicular Railway](#), a historic rail line that goes up a mountain to Brunate, a neighbouring village with incredible panoramic views of Lake Como. Another must-do in Como is to see some of their amazing villas, such as the [Villa Carlotta](#). Known for its incredible architecture, stunning botanical garden and museum, which

THINGS TO DO IN COMO:

- Museums and architecture
- Charming villages and restaurants
- Water sport activities
- Incredible views and sights



PLACES TO STAY IN COMO

Budget Option:
[Ostello Bello Como](#)



Best Value:
[B&B Hotel Como City Center](#)



Family:
[Hotel Como](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camping No Stress](#)



DAY 3: Como to Verona

Distance: 211km
Approx. 2 hours 17 minutes



Once you're done sunning it up and experiencing the incredible city of Como, pack up your car or motorhome and visit the romantic, Shakespearean city of Verona. Known for its well-preserved historical sites, charming architecture and cultural festivals, we know you will fall in love with Verona! Start your love affair by visiting the [Piazza Delle Erbe](#), a market square surrounded by historic buildings, authentic restaurants and markets for all the shopaholics out there! Whilst in the market square, take a stroll to the [Torre Dei Lamberti](#), a historical mediaeval tower with incredible views of the whole city. For arts and culture, you cannot miss the [Arena Di Verona](#), constructed in the 1st century, this well-preserved Arena continues to host live performances, operas, ballets and more! Lastly, you cannot leave Verona without seeing [Juliet's House](#). Famously known from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, this building symbolises romance and love and is one of Verona's largest attractions.



THINGS TO DO IN VERONA:

- Shopping and restaurants
- Museums and architecture
- Historic sites
- Festivals and performances

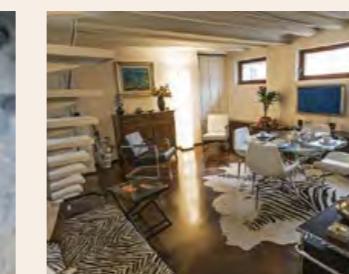


PLACES TO STAY IN VERONA

Budget Option:
[The Hostello](#)



Best Value:
[Truly Verona Apartments and Suites](#)



Family:
[Verona Suites and Rooms](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camping Castel San Pietro](#)



DAY 4:

Verona to Venice

Distance: 112km

Approx. 1 hour 11 minutes



Once you have soaked in all the romance of Verona, hit the road and visit the floating city of Venice. Known for its Venetian art, cuisine and culture, we think this is the perfect way to wrap up our Discover Northern Italy road trip. Take a [Gondola Ride](#) and tour this magical city in style! There are plenty of tour options to choose from and we believe this is one of the best ways to experience Venice and all it has to offer. Once you have explored Venice, hit up the famous [Caffè Florian](#) for a unique gastronomic experience. Whether you want to sip a coffee or cocktail, this cafe is an incredible experience and beloved by many celebrities. If you plan the timing just right, the [Venice Carnival](#) may be in town! Known for its historical significance, elaborate masks and grand parades, this is truly a cultural experience like no other. However, if you are travelling outside of the Carnival dates then we recommend visiting the [Biennale di Venezia](#). Home to some of Venice's most incredible art, architecture, and contemporary arts performances, we know you'll indulge in every cultural aspect this self-drive tour offers.

PLACES To STAY IN VENICE

Budget Option:
[Generator Venice](#)



Best Value:
[Hotel Mercurio Venezia](#)



Family:
[Liassidi Palace](#)



Motorhomes:
[San Giuliano Venice](#)



THINGS To DO IN VENICE:

- Unique experiences and festivals
- Museums, art and architecture
- Restaurants and cafes
- Shopping and tours



CANAL GRANDE, VENICE



ITALY EAST COAST ADVENTURE ROAD TRIP



Trieste ➤ Padua ➤ Ferrara ➤ Rimini ➤ Ancona ➤ Pescara

DAY 1: Trieste to Padua

Distance: 200km

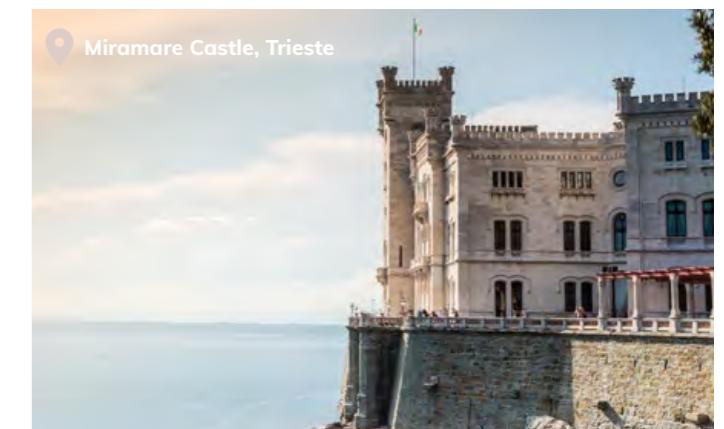
Approx. 2 hours 13 minutes



Begin your Italian east coast adventure in Trieste! Known for its history, cultural diversity and maritime heritage, we think this is the perfect start to your road trip. Visit the Port of Trieste and marvel at the bustling town, expansive ocean and if travelling in the spring, the incredible jellyfish! Spring time is the perfect time to witness the jellyfish that swarm to the port of Trieste. Of course there is plenty more to do by the port like visit the Piazza Unità d'Italia (the town square), the [Revoltella Museum](#) and the picturesque Canal Grande. Another spectacular attraction to visit is the [Castello di San Giusto](#), a 15th century castle which has been transformed into a museum of historical weapons. Another attraction we recommend whilst in Trieste is the [Villa Revoltella Park](#). A beautiful garden donated to the city of Trieste that is home to some beautiful Italian gardens, ponds, fountains, wildlife and activities for all to enjoy.

Once you have finished enjoying all the beauty of Trieste, continue on your east coast adventure and drive to Padua, known for its historic significance,

art and culture. Padua is a beautiful city with canals, museums and a bustling and unique town centre. Explore one of the oldest universities in Italy or stroll through the Prato della Valle; Italy's largest town square adorned with statues, fountains and gardens. Whilst in Padua, visit the [Botanical Garden](#), the world's first botanical garden and an incredible site to visit. We also recommend this [olive oil and wine tour](#) where you can experience some fresh olive oil from the oil mill and taste some local wines. If you are planning a longer stay in Padua, take a day trip on the [Brenta river cruise boat](#) and cruise the canals of Padua or visit one of the local, neighbouring cities for more sights to see.



THINGS TO DO IN TRIESTE & PADUA:

- Restaurants and cafes
- Museums and galleries
- Shopping and markets
- UNESCO World Heritage sites and tours.



PLACES TO STAY IN PADUA

Budget Option:
[Hotel m14](#)

Best Value:
[Al Fagiano Art Hotel](#)



Family:
[Casa Camilla B&B](#)

Motorhomes:
[San Pio X](#)



DAY 2: Padua to Ferrara

Distance: 97.5km
Approx. 1 hour 5 minutes



Next stop on this road trip is Ferrara, a historic city known for its museums, cathedrals and enriched history. Listed as a [UNESCO world heritage site](#), this fascinating city is truly a must-see! Learn about the city's deep history, taste the local cuisine or stroll through the city and admire its renaissance and mediaeval architecture. Take a tour of some of Ferrara's most prominent [museums and galleries](#). Given the historic significance of the city there is a plethora to choose from such as [Cathedral Museum](#), [Modern and Contemporary Art Gallery](#) and the [National Archaeological Museum](#). Another site to see is the [Castello Estense](#), built to protect the Este family, this castle holds a lot of Ferrara's history and is an interesting and incredible experience for any history buff. Once you have finished soaking up the history of the city, try some of the best gelato you can find at the [Gelateria La Romana](#). We know you will be enchanted by Ferrara and enjoy all it has to offer!



THINGS TO DO IN FERRARA:

- Museums and galleries
- Restaurants and cafes
- UNESCO World Heritage Site



PLACES TO STAY IN FERRARA

Budget Option:
[B&B Hotel Ferrara](#)



Best Value:
[Maxxim Hotel & Loft](#)



Family:
[Hotel Orologio](#)



Motorhomes:
[Via Capanno Garibaldi](#)



DAY 3: Ferrara to Rimini

Distance: 130km
Approx. 1 hour 50 minutes



Our next destination is the beautiful city Rimini, known for its incredible beaches, historic sites and incredible nightlife; this is a fun-filled destination for all to enjoy. After you've visited some of the amazing white sandy beaches, head into town and visit the [Arco d'Augusto](#). This historic archway was built in 27 BC and is one of the oldest remaining ancient archways. Then check out the [Cinema Fulgor Rimini](#), an incredible art-deco cinema that hosts some of Rimini's most treasured cultural events, shows and films. Another fun attraction is the [Italia in Miniatura](#), a park that consists of miniature scale buildings from Italy and Europe surrounded by beautiful trees and sunlight. Another fun way to see all the sights of Rimini is the [panoramic ferris wheel](#), which allows you to witness all the beauty of Rimini from one location.



THINGS TO DO IN RIMINI:

- Beaches and parks
- Restaurants and cafes
- Cinema tours and shows



PLACES TO STAY IN RIMINI

Budget Option:
[Hotel Alfa](#)



Best Value:
[Best Western Maison B Hotel](#)



Family:
[i-Suite Hotel](#)



Motorhomes:
[Parking delle Robinie](#)



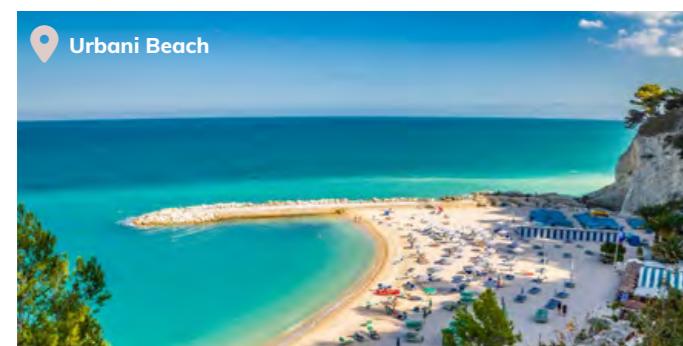
DAY 4:

Rimini to Ancona

Distance: 103km
Approx. 1 hour 6 minutes



Next on our east coast road trip adventure is Ancona, known for its seaport, local cuisine and historic centre. Any theatre-lovers reading this should book to see the [Marche Teatro](#), a performing arts theatre located in the heart of Ancona. This theatre has always produced high quality performances and festivals for various people of all ages to enjoy. For a different museum experience, visit the [Museo Statale Omero](#), a tactile museum where you can touch the artwork! This museum has plenty of statues, sculptures and paintings that have been placed in the museum and



PLACES To STAY IN ANCONA

Budget Option:
[B&B Glicine](#)



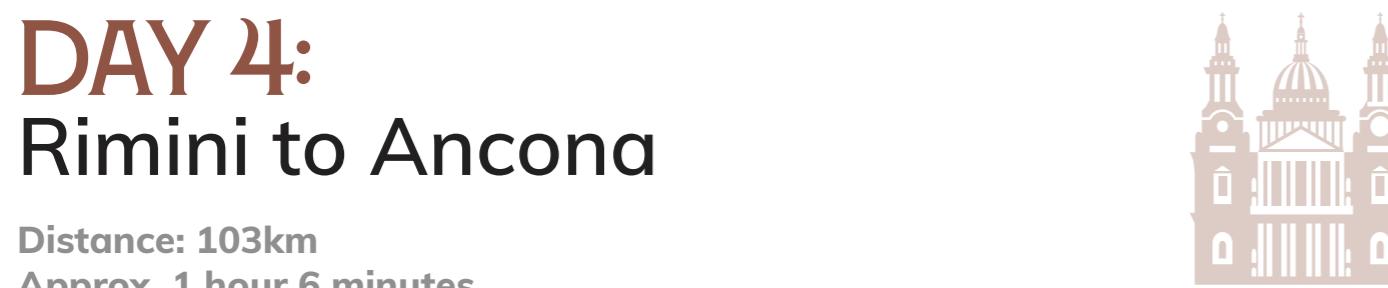
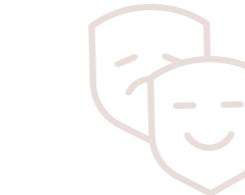
Best Value:
[NH Hotel Ancona](#)



Family:
[Hotel Fortino Napoleonico](#)



Motorhomes:
[Rest Area Posatora](#)



DAY 5:

Ancona to Pescara

Distance: 198km
Approx. 2 hours 15 minutes



designed for visually-impaired people to experience art in a new way. For a bit more adventure, watch the sunrise and visit the beautiful surrounding beaches in a [kayak guided tour](#). This is a fun and adventurous way to experience the beauty of Ancona. Finally, you cannot leave Ancona without experiencing the local cuisine at [Ginevra Restaurant](#). This is a fine dining experience that shows the authenticity and specialty of Ancona's cuisine.



THINGS To DO IN PESCARA:

- Restaurants, bars and cafes
- National parks and UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Museums and galleries
- Food & wine tours



PLACES To STAY IN PESCARA

Budget Option:
[B&B Mariposa](#)



Best Value:
[Hotel Plaza](#)



Family:
[G Hotel Pescara](#)



Motorhomes:
[Camping Funivia Del Gran Sasso](#)



TIPS: Italy Driving Tips

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- Vehicles drive on the **right hand** side of the road.
- The legal **blood alcohol content (BAC)** limit in Italy is 0.05mg/100ml. Police have authorisation to carry out random alcohol test on drivers at **any time**. Motorists found over the limit face heavy fines from loss of licence, vehicle impounded, fines up to imprisonment. If found over the limit at the event of an accident, insurance companies have the right to refuse claims.
- Observe and stay **below speed limits**. Speeding cameras, handheld devices and portable detection devices are used by police to catch speeding drivers. Fines are issued for speeding drivers.
- In Italy mostly all **autostrade** require a toll. Since Italian motorways form a network, toll prices are determined on distance travelled. Motorists entering a motorway will need to collect a ticket from a automated machine, the ticket must then be presented at the toll gate upon exit where a toll can be calculated. However on some motorways a fixed price is charge regardless of distance travelled. Tolls can be paid by cash, credit card, prepaid card or by electronic tags.
- Children under 150cm in height are **required** to be seated in the back seats of the vehicle and be fasted in either a seat belt or appropriate child restraint.
- Mobile phones **cannot** be used while driving, with the exception of a hands free system.



Italy Driving Distances

From	To	Approx Distance	Approx Travel Time
Milan	Bologna	220km	2 hr 20 min
Bologna	Florence	118km	1 hr 26 min
Florence	Arezzo	74km	1 hr 3 min
Arezzo	Terni	172km	1 hr 50 min



FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

 driveaway.com.au/faqs/

Can I choose Automatic or manual transmission in Italy?

DriveAway offers both automatic and manual transmission cars to hire. However, manual vehicles are much more common in Italy and hiring a manual vehicle is much cheaper than an automatic one.

Can I take my car/motorhome on the ferry?

Travel on the ferry to some of Italy's islands is on a request basis. If confirmed, the vehicle is not covered by insurance when on the ferry. If you want to take the vehicle on the ferry to one of Italy's islands, please request this at time of booking with one of our friendly reservations members or online team.

What are the restricted driving zones in Italy?

When preparing to drive in Italy, it's important to be aware of the **Limited Traffic Zones** (Zona Traffico Limitato / ZTL) found in larger cities. Most historic city centers, like Florence for instance, have ZTL's set up to reduce overall congestion around popular attractions, and also to help slow the degradation to these areas caused by the constant influx of visitors each year. Drivers who enter a ZTL without proper authorization will be fined, and in most circumstances tourists and non-local visitors are not issued passes - only locals are permitted to drive through these zones. The fines

for violating a ZTL boundary ranges depending on the city you're driving in, but on average is about 65 EUR, not including the "Traffic Violation Fee" (usually around 25 EUR per fine) charged by your rental supplier.

Do I need a full driver's license in Italy?

A full valid driver's licence is required for a minimum of 1 year. An **International Drivers Licence** is required for Australian drivers licence holders.

Do I require an International Driver's permit (IDP)?

Yes, an international drivers license is required. If you drive in Italy without one, you can be fined a large amount. It is highly recommended to get an international drivers permit to be safe and avoid receiving fines. This can be done by going to the NRMA, RACQ, RACV, RAA, RAC, RACT and the AANT depending what state you are from.

Is there are minimum or maximum age limit?

Generally the **minimum** age is 21 years, but can vary between the car/motorhome hire company and location. **Maximum** age limits apply in some locations, a **young/senior driver surcharge** may apply. Please check terms & conditions when making an enquiry or booking.



